

April 9, 1974.

TO: Members of Senate
FROM: Steering Committee
RE: S.G.W.U. Awards Policy

In the Spring of 1973 the Sir George Williams University Council asked that the Awards Policy be rewritten and brought up to date, and referred the matter to the Scholarship Committee.

On December 21, 1973 Senate approved amendments to the Awards Policy as recommended by the Scholarship Committee.

Steering Committee has had the Awards Policy rewritten to incorporate the amendments approved in December, and to incorporate certain changes in practice that have evolved since the original policy was adopted.

This policy statement applies only to Sir George Williams. Nothing has been done yet to develop a Concordia policy.

Steering Committee recommends to Senate that the attached document be adopted as the Sir George Williams University Awards Policy.

Sir George Williams University

Awards Policy

This policy deals with the awards granted annually to graduating and to undergraduate students in recognition of academic or creative achievement as well as with certain awards in the student life area.

1) Awards to Graduating Students:

There are two categories of awards to graduating students: 1) Faculty Awards; 2) Subject Awards.

A) Faculty Awards are awarded to the highest graduating student in each undergraduate-degree programme in each Faculty.

Faculty of Arts

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| Bachelor of Arts | Birks Medal |
| Bachelor of Fine Arts | Pinsky Medal |

Faculty of Science

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| Bachelor of Science | Mappin Medal |
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Faculty of Commerce and Administration

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| Bachelor of Commerce | Frosst Medal |
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Faculty of Engineering

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| Bachelor of Engineering | Chait Medal |
| Bachelor of Computer Science | Computer Science Medal |

The appropriate Faculty Council serves as recommending agency.

B) Subject Awards are awarded to the highest-ranking student graduating in each of the disciplines listed in Appendix I.

The appropriate department serves as recommending agency.

C) Criteria

Faculty and subject awards are normally granted on the basis of the work done during the last two academic years. In Arts, Science and Commerce this is to be interpreted as "the best 60 credits taken after, or concurrently with, the 31 st credit." In Engineering, it is defined as "the subjects of the last two years as set out in the undergraduate calendar."

Only students who have been enrolled for their past two academic years at Sir George Williams are eligible for the Faculty or subject awards.

If the grade-point-average, based on the two years as defined above, does not separate candidates with sufficient clarity, the Faculty Council or department concerned may take into account other criteria such as the complete record over the degree programme or performance in other identified courses.

- 2) Board of Governors Medals for Creative Work in the Arts are awarded to students presenting evidence through independent work of outstanding ability in the following fields: visual arts; literary arts; auditory arts; performing arts.

Four juries established annually by Senate on the recommendation of Arts Faculty Council serve as the recommending agencies.

- 3) Nature of Awards

The awards referred to above normally take the form of an inscribed medal costing maximum of \$25. However, a department may decide that it would prefer that a particular subject award consist of a book or books of equivalent value.

- 4) Undergraduate Awards

Appendix II lists the awards granted to undergraduate students. To establish additional undergraduate awards requires the approval of

the appropriate Faculty Council and of Senate. As a general rule, only one award will be approved for any particular area of accomplishment.

The appropriate department acts as the recommending agency for each undergraduate award.

5) Student Life Awards

Association of Alumni Award: awarded annually, when merited, to the graduating student who has by his activities, achievement and interests won the outstanding commendation and respect of his fellows and of the faculty. University Council on Student Life serves as recommending agency; the recommendation is sent to Senate.

First Graduating Class Award : awarded annually, when merited, to a member of the University community who is adjudged to have made an outstanding new contribution, either academic or extra-curricular, to the student life of the university. The name commemorated in the award is that of the first graduating class of the Faculty of Arts, Science and Commerce, also known as the Guinea Pig Club. University Council on Student Life serves as recommending agency.

6) Eligibility

A) All awards are made with the qualification "when merited". The determination of merit is the responsibility of the recommending agency as well as of any bodies that subsequently review the recommendation.

B) To be eligible for any award, a student must be in good academic standing.

C) A student may qualify for more than one award.

D) A student working towards a second undergraduate degree may qualify for an award, but only on the basis of the credits specifically taken for the second degree.

7) Presentation and Recording

A) Graduating awards are recorded in the Convocation programme, and announced by the Deans when they state the name of the graduand, the degree earned and any other distinctions. So are medals for creative work and student life awards when won by a graduating student.

B) Undergraduate awards are not recorded or announced at Convocation, but are awarded in whatever way the department judges appropriate.

C) All university awards are recorded on the recipients' transcripts.

Subject AwardsFaculty of Arts

Applied Social Science
 Economics
 English
 French
 Geography
 History
 Humanities of Science
 Modern Languages
 Philosophy
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Religion
 Sociology

Subject Awards

Robert C. Rae Prize
 Sun Life Prize
 Governor-General's Medal
 Prize for French
 Prize for Geography
 Prize for History
 Prize for Humanities of Science
 Prize for Modern Languages
 W.R. Fraser Medal
 Herbert F. Quinn Medal
 J.W. Bridges Medal
 Boyd Sinyard Prize in Religion
 Everett C. Hughes Medal

Faculty of Science

Biology
 Chemistry

 Geology
 Mathematics
 Physics

Canadian International Paper Company Prize
 Merit Award, the Society of Chemical
 Industry - Canadian Section
 Medal for Geology
 Medal for Mathematics
 Medal for Physics

Faculty of Commerce and Administration

Accountancy

Ross Medal

Faculty of Engineering

A medal is awarded in each of the four departments.

Undergraduate Awards

Chemical Institute of Canada Prize

The Corporation of Professional Chemists of Quebec Prize

The Montreal Economics Association Award

Hebrew Culture Organization of Canada Prizes

Prix du Département de Français

Prix du Consul général de Suisse

Prix du Consul général de Belgique

Prix du Consul général de France

Engineering Departmental Prizes - awarded to the highest-ranking student in each department of the Faculty entering his final year, and to the highest ranking student in each department entering his second year.